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### BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

#### Members Present

Buono, M.D., Colleen – UCSD BHMD  
Dunford, M.D., Jim – City of S.D. Medical Director  
Grad, M.D., Michele – Palomar BHMD  
Klingensmith, Todd – S.D. Paramedic Association  
Kramer, M.D., Mark – Sharp Memorial BHMD  
Linnik, M.D., Bill – Sharp BHMD  
Madati, M.D., Jamil – Children's Hospital ED MD  
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont BHNC  
Metz, R.N., Marcy – County EMS Chief  
Miller, M.D., Alexander - NMCSD  
Reilly, M.D., Ian – Scripps La Jolla BHMD  
Tomaneng, M.D., Neil – Tri-City BHMD  
Zahller, M.D., Steve – Scripps Mercy BHMD

#### County Staff

Smith, R.N., Susan  
Stepanski, Barbara

#### Recorder

Loginov, Clara

#### In Attendance

Abbott, Stephen – North County Fire  
Aker, Donna Kelly – UCSD ROC

Allington, Linda – Carlsbad Fire  
Al-Marshad, M.D., Adel – UCSD  
Andrews, R.N., Donna – Julian Fire  
Broyles, R.N., Linda – AMR/RCCP  
Cavanaugh, Mary – Miramar Fire  
Conover, William – Camp Pendleton Fire  
Curnow, Robert – Mercy Air  
DeMers, Gerard - UCSD  
Dotson, R.N., Melody - UCSD  
Duffy, Jennifer – Escondido/San Marcos  
Foehr, Rick – EMSTA College  
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar BHNC  
Howard, R.N., LuAnn – Scripps La Jolla  
Idman-Gervais, R.N., Dianne – Sharp Grossmont  
Johansen, Cody – San Diego Beacon  
Kahn, Chris – UCSD  
Maloney, M. Ryan – AMR  
Murphy, R.N., Mary – CSA-17 Fire  
Ninberg, R.N., Lori – Rady Children's Hospital  
Ochs, R.N., Ginger – S.D. Fire Department  
Rafi, Nas – UCSD  
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial BHNC  
Rosenberger, R.N., Wendy – Tri-City Medical Ctr.  
Ross, Elliot – NMCSD  
Russo, R.N., Joe – Rural Metro/CSA-17  
Seabloom, R.N., Lynne – Oceanside Fire  
Serra, M.D., John - UCSD  
Smith, D.O., Ryan – Tri-City Medical Center  
Vilke, M.D., Gary – Beacon/ROC

**I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jamil Madati, M.D., called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

Dr. Madati announced that this is Neil Tomaneng's, M.D., last month attending the BSPC meeting. Ryan Smith, D.O., of Tri-City Medical Center will take his place beginning July 2012.

Marcy Metz, R.N., introduced Clara Loginov, EMS's new secretary and recorder for BSPC and Prehospital Audit Committee minutes.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Lynn Seabloom to approve the minutes of May 15, 2012, seconded by Dr. Tomaneng. Motion carried.**

**III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Susan Smith, R.N., for Bruce Haynes, M.D.)**

- A. Ms. Metz thanked everyone for their participation in the countywide Sidewalk CPR event on June 7, 2012. There were 50 sites throughout the county, with 22 organizations represented, and 3,048 people trained on adult-only compression CPR. Counties throughout Southern California participated in this event, and the total number of people trained from Santa Barbara County and southward was 12,964. This will likely become an annual event during CPR week each June. County EMS is requesting feedback for improvements that can be made going forward.
- B. A request was made that 12-lead EKGs be transmitted as quickly as possible. The primary purpose of the prehospital 12-lead is to identify a STEMI so as to transport the patient to the correct location.
- C. Work on the Beacon Hub is ongoing.
- D. The Golden Guardian 2012 drill in May went well. The drill was an earthquake scenario, and a major focus was receiving patients from outside counties.
- E. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) confirmed that this year's flu season was the lightest in many years.
- F. The County of San Diego recently signed an agreement with the United States Postal Service to deliver prophylactic antibiotics via mail in the case of a large scale anthrax attack. Ms. Metz specified that when the grant was submitted in 2011, only five jurisdictions nationally were awarded the funds. Because the initial grant is relatively small, it is being rolled out to six zip codes at first, with the federal government showing interest in expansion in the future. It was asked what kind of drug would be delivered, and Ms. Metz specified that each household would receive two bottles of doxycycline, which would last ten days.

- G. The number of patients with a Left Ventricular Assist Device (LVAD) is increasing dramatically. The protocol update in July will address standardization of treatment for LVAD patients. S-127 was updated to state that compression should not be performed, unless the VAD coordinator or base hospital instructs otherwise.
- H. There have been revised regulations released for EMTs, AEMTs, and paramedics. There should also be new STEMI and stroke regulations likely released by the end of June 2012.
- I. The Joint Commission released criteria for identification of a comprehensive stroke center. This will be evaluated to see how it fits into the current stroke system.
- J. The Emergency Nurses Association is meeting at the San Diego Convention Center in September. Ambassadors are needed, and anyone interested should contact Susan Smith, R.N., at County EMS.

#### **IV. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)**

- A. The San Diego Healthcare Disaster Council (SDHDC) is working with the Sheriff's Department on a re-entry program for healthcare workers to be able to gain entry to their workplaces in the case of a disaster. They are still determining whether a separate badge or a sticker on workers' current badges will be required. Initially there had been discussions of determining a set number of essential staff, but it has been decided that all staff should be considered essential during a disaster.
- B. San Diego State University will be having an active shooter drill in January 2013. They are working on this with the Sheriff's Department, the San Diego Police Department, Sharp Healthcare, and others. It will be one of the largest active shooter drills in the United States.
- C. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Disaster Preparedness Partnership Conference will be taking place on July 17, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Scripps Memorial Hospital.

#### **V. BEACON UPDATE (Gary Vilke, M.D.)**

Cody Johansen of the San Diego Beacon Project began a demonstration of the EMS Hub. Dr. Vilke provided additional information.

- Among the updates to the EMS Hub, an EKG tab has been added to the interface. Technicians are able to email EKGs directly to the Hub. The vitals will still be on display, and any images that have been attached, such as EKGs, can be opened and viewed. The EKGs can also be emailed to recipients from a predetermined list.
- UCSD stated that their current setup sends an EKG three ways: email, fax, and through the EMS Hub, which is linked directly to their system (EPIC). From the Hub, the information is transmitted within a couple of minutes and doctors can view in their offices, rather than having to go to the radio room.

- It was mentioned that STEMI access to the EMS Hub seems like a good priority.
- The County of San Diego has been working with Beacon on creating a bidirectional system between QCS and the EMS Hub, and Beacon has also been working with the County's vendor, DI. Linking the EMS Hub with QCS avoids duplicate work. It will still be some time until these systems work together, but it is ultimately the goal.
- Beacon won an Innovation Grant, and they will be working with doctors in southeast San Diego to manage the cases of 200 costly patients who have frequent hospital readmissions.
- It was asked who is behind the EMS Hub, and Mr. Vilke responded that County EMS has been working with the San Diego Beacon. Beacon currently has a steering committee led by CEOs, CIOs, and CMIOs of major local hospitals and related organizations, and their goal is to form a nonprofit. Beacon's current grant funding will run out in October 2013.
- Jim Dunford raised the question of who should own the information systems of a region. Three major groups are currently discussing this: Beacon, the Health Information Exchange (HIE), and County Health and Human Services (HHSA). In May 2012, Alliance Healthcare Foundation invited the HIE from Austin, Texas to discuss their procedures to get an idea of best practices from a long-standing agency. Austin's HIE handles healthcare information for approximately 40 counties in Texas.

#### **VI. RESUSCITATION OUTCOMES CONSORTIUM (Gary Vilke, M.D.)**

The Amiodarone, Lidocaine, or Placebo Study (ALPS) is in the final preparation stages, and a late-June start date is anticipated. By the next BSPPC meeting, the process of enrolling patients in ALPS should be in progress.

#### **VII. POLICY REVIEW (Susan Smith, R.N.) (*This item taken out of order*)**

S-409: Reporting of Issues in Patient Care Management

This policy was reviewed by the subcommittee and there were no recommendations for changes. It is being reviewed at this time because the policy has not been reviewed since 2005. The policy follows the CQI plan and state reporting regulations. The council agreed with the subcommittee's assertion regarding the policy.

#### **VIII. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION**

There were no items brought forward.

#### **X. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be July 17, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.